

## Thomas Pinckney to Andrew Jackson, December 2, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THOMAS PINCKNEY TO JACKSON.

Fort Hawkins, December 2, 1813.

*Sir* , The Letters you will herewith receive are duplicates whereof the originals were sent by Express through the Cherokee Nation, the importance of a more direct communication has induced me to request Colonel Hawkins to forward this by means of the friendly Indians; the only objection to this mode of conveyance is that these people are impressed with the Idea that your outposts will fire on any Indian who may approach, so that after escaping the danger from their Enemies they will probably be destroyed by their friends: to obviate this inconvenience it has been suggested by Col: Hawkins and adopted as a rule by the detachment from Georgia, that all Indian Runners approaching the Army shall give *Two Whoops* and immediately run in: the Sentinel who hears the signal will immediately give notice to the Guard to stand to their arms, but strict instructions must be given not to fire unless they see more than two Indians running in. As I understand you have Cherokee Indians with you whom you may use with advantage for the same purpose you will direct them in that Case to use the same method of approach. . . . I fear from what you say in your letter to Governor Blount that your supply of provisions will form an impediment to your reaching as far into the Enemy's territory as I have pointed out in my letters herewith, my last will inform you of the means I am taking to facilitate your supplies, and in the mean time if you can by any means collect and transport an adequate supply I rely on your exertions to reach the Neighbourhood to the Coosa and Talapoosa fork of the Alabama there to establish a good post from whence our future operations may proceed.

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Genl. Floyd by our last accounts had set out at the head of One thousand men of his Detachment to make a stroke at the Tookabachie Towns near the bend of the Talapoose.

I have the honor to be very respectfully . . . .